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INCLUSION IN POLITICAL DECLARATION OF COLOMBO SUMMIT

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1. ROK CHAIRMAN AT MAY 18 CORE GROUP MEETING DISTRIBUTED
TEXT OF ITEM ON KOREAN QUESTION WHICH NORTH KOREA
REPORTEDLY WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED IN POLITICAL DECLARATION
OF COLOMBO SUMMIT. THIS TEXT IS ALMOST IDENTICAL TO THAT
REPORTED IN REF (A). ROK CHAIRMAN SAID SEOUL HAD CABLED
TEXT BUT THAT HE DID NOT KNOW DETAILS OF ACQUISITION.
TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

THE CONFERENCE HAS PAID DEEP ATTENTION TO THE KOREAN
QUESTION. THE DIVISION OF KOREA CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.
THE PROLONGATION OF THE DIVISION IMPOSES INDESCRIBABLE
NATIONAL SUFFERINGS AND MISFORTUNES UPON THE KOREA PEOPLE.
KOREA MUST BE REUNIFIED AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE.
TO BLOCK THE "TWO KOREAS" PLOT DESIGNED TO PERPETUATE
THE DIVISION OF KOREA AND TO ACHIEVE THE INDEPENDENT
AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA IS A PRESSING TASK
THE SOLUTION OF WHICH BROOKS NOT A MOMENT'S DELAY NEITHER
IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NATIONAL SELF-
DETERMINATION NOR IN THE HUMANITARIAN POINT OF VIEW NOR
IN VIEW OF THE TREND OF THE PRESENT TIMES WHICH TAKES
THE ROAD OF INDEPENDENCE.

THE CONFERENCE DECLARES THAT THE FOREIGN TROOPS OCCUPATION
OF SOUTH KOREA AND THEIR CONVERSION OF SOUTH KOREA INTO A
COLONY AND MILITARY BASE ARE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE PRINCIPLES
OF NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT OPPOSED ALL FORMS OF AGGRESSION
AND INTERFERENCE SUBJUGATION AND INEQUALITY. THE IMPER-
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IALISTS ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND INTERFERENCE AGAINST THE
KOREAN PROPLE ARE A CONSTANT SOURCE OF CREATING THE TENSION
IN THIS REGION AND MENACING PEACE IN ASIA AND THE WORLD.

THE CONFERENCE MAINTAINS THAT IN ORDER TO REMOVE THE
TENSION AND THE DANGER OF NEW WAR IN KOREA AND REALIZE
THE REUNIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY, IT IS NECESSARY, FIRST
OF ALL, TO WITHDRAW ALL THE FOREIGN TROOPS FROM SOUTH

KOREA, DISMANTLE THE FOREIGN MILITARY BASES THERE AND
REPLACE THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AGREEMENT WITH A PEACE
AGREEMENT.

THE QUESTION OF KOREA'S REUNIFICATION MUST BE SETTLED
BY THE KOREAN PEOPLE THEMSELVES INDEPENDENTLY WITHOUT ANY
INTERFERENCE OF OUTSIDE FORCES, BY PEACEFUL MEANS AND ON THE
PRINCIPLE OF GREAT NATIONAL UNITY, AS CLARIFIED IN THE
NORTH-SOUTH JOINT STATEMENT OF 1972. END TEST.

2. COMMENT: SOME CORE GROUP MEMBERS COMMENTED ON EMPHASIS
PLACED IN TEXT ON REMOVAL OF "FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM SOUTH
KOREA WITHOUT ANY QUALIFYING FORMULATION SUCH AS "UNDER THE
FLAG OF THE UNITED NATIONS." THESE MEMBERS CONSIDERED THIS
SIGNAL THAT FOCUS OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION COULD BE FLAT OUT
CALL FOR REMOVAL OF "ALL FOREIGN TROOPS" FROM SOUTH KOREA.
WE HAVE NOTED PRIVATELY TO ROK CHAIRMAN POSSIBILITY THAT
HOSTILE SIDE COULD SWEETEN THIS BY EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS
ON PART OF NORTH KOREANS TO ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR
MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE, PROVIDED FOREIGN TROOPS NOW IN
SOUTH WITHDRAW. A RESOLUTION ALONG THESE LINES COULD
BE MADE CONSISTENT WITH YUGOSLAV PERMREP PETRIC'S RECENT
REMARKS TO GOVERNOR SCRANTON (REF C) THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND
OTHER NONALIGNED COUNTRIES WOULD SEEK TO PERSUADE NORTH
KOREANS THAT THEIR POSITION SEEKING TO EXCLUDE SOUTH
KOREA FROM A KOREAN PEACE AGREEMENT WAS AN UNREALISTIC
ONE WHICH LESSENED SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA IN UN. FURTHERMORE,
PETRIC CONCEDED THAT IT WOULD BE UNSAFE TO TERMINATE
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT ABRUPTLY WITHOUT AN ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENT
TO MAINTAIN THE ARMISTICE SHOULD THE UN COMMAND BE DISSOLVED.
PETRIC HAD UNDERLINED ALSO THAT YUGOSLAVIA FOR "EASILY
UNDERSTOOD" REASONS OUT OF ITS OWN POST-WORLD WAR II HISTORY
COULD NOT SUPPORT PRESENCE OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN SOUTH KOREA.
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ADDITIONALLY, PETRIC SAID THAT YUGOSLAVIA AND OTHERS WOULD
ATTEMPT TO PROMOTE AN UNGA RESOLUTION ON KOREA WHICH WOULD
GAIN BROADER SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA IN FORTHCOMING UNGA.

3. WHEN ONE RECALLS THAT HOSTILE RES. AT 30TH UNGA CARRIED
WITH ONLY 54 AFFIRMATIVE VOTES, A CLEVERLY DESIGNED RES.
ALONG THE LINES SUGGESTED ABOVE MIGHT WELL ATTRACT THE
"BROADER" SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA SOUGHT BY PETRIC AND
OTHERS.

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